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SUMMARY. SOVIET AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE ZORIN VISITED  
PAKISTAN AUGUST 6-12 TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH PAKS ON  
VARIOUS ISSUES BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS. BRIEFING GIVEN  
EMBASSY BY MFA. MFA BELIEVES ZORIN'S PURPOSES WERE:  
(1) TO ASSESS PAK POSITIONS ON ISSUES WHERE USSR IS AT  
SOME DIFFERENCE WITH UNITED STATES, CHINA OR BOTH; AND  
(2) TO PUSH SOVIET POSITIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONTINUANCE OF THE RUSSIAN PRACTICE IN RECENT YEARS,  
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SOVIET AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE, V.A. ZORIN VISITED PAKISTAN

BETWEEN AUGUST 6 AND 12 TO DISCUSS VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS ISSUES WITH GOP OFFICIALS. THE DCM WAS BRIEFED ON THIS VISIT ON AUGUST 12 BY NIAZ A. NAIK, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MFA.

2. WHEN THE PAKS FIRST RECEIVED NOTIFICATION THAT SUCH A SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIAL AS ZORIN, WHO FORMERLY WAS DEPUTY FOREIGN SECRETARY, WOULD BE VISITING PAKISTAN AND ONLY PAKISTAN ON THIS TRIP TO SOUTH ASIA (PREVIOUS SPECIAL ENVOYS HAD MADE SWINGS THROUGH A NUMBER OF SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES) THEY HAD THE IDEA THAT HIS VISIT MIGHT BE FOR OTHER PURPOSES TOO. IT WAS WITH SOME SURPRISE THAT PAKS FOUND THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN HIM AND FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI WERE PRIMARILY RELATED TO OUTSTANDING UNITED NATIONS MATTERS. CALLS MADE BY ZORIN AT THE END OF THE SIX DAY VISIT ON MINISTER OF STATE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ AHMED AND PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO WERE ESSENTIALLY COURTESY CALLS. THROUGHOUT THE SIX DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS, CARRIED OUT FOR THE MOST PART IN THE NEARBY MURREE HILL STATION, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT ZORIN'S PRIMARY PURPOSES WERE TWO-FOLD: (1) TO ASSESS THE PAK POSITIONS ON ISSUES WHERE THE USSR IS AT SOME DIFFERENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES, CHINA OR BOTH; (2) TO PUSH SOVIET POSITIONS.

3. AS OF AUGUST 6 WHEN ZORIN ARRIVED, THE RUSSIANS HAD GIVEN NOTIFICATION THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING FOUR ITEMS: (1) NONPROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS; (2) LAW OF THE SEA; (3) THE SEVENTH SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION; (4) DISARMAMENT. AT THE FIRST SESSION THE EVENING OF AUGUST 6, THE RUSSIANS ADDED SIX MORE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION: (1) CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE; (2) COMPLETE CESSATION OF ALL NUCLEAR TESTING; (3) AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD REDUCTION OF 10 PERCENT IN THE MILITARY BUDGETS OF THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UNSC; (4) PROPOSAL THAT THE ENVIRONMENT (WEATHER, ETC.) NOT BE EMPLOYED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES; (5) UN CHARTER; (6) UN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. THE PAKS PLACED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS ON THE DISCUSSION AGENDA: (1) INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE; (2) ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE IN SOUTH ASIA; (3) PAK CANDIDACY FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. PARTICULARS WERE SUPPLIED BY NAIK ON THE EXCHANGES AS FOLLOWS:

A. TEN PERCENT REDUCTION IN MILITARY BUDGETS OF PERMANENT MEMBERS. IN REPLY TO ZORIN'S URGING THAT PAKS SUPPORT THE IDEA THAT PERMANENT MEMBERS REDUCE THEIR MILITARY BUDGETS BY A FLAT 10 PERCENT, SHAHI RESPONDED THAT A UNIFORM TEN PERCENT CUT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC SINCE SOME

COUNTRIES WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY SUCH. SHAHI POINTED OUT THAT VARIOUS OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS CURRENT MILITARY CAPABILITIES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. SHAHI ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DETERMINE JUST WHAT ANY GIVEN COUNTRY'S MILITARY BUDGET CONSISTED OF AND HERE NAIK COMMENTED THAT THE SOVIET MILITARY BUDGET IS ONE WHICH DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO READY EVALUATION.

B. ON THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, ZORIN NOTED THAT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BUT THAT THERE IS NO FORWARD MOVEMENT. HE CHARGED THAT LACK OF PROGRESS IS DUE IN SUBSTANTIAL MEASURE TO US OBSTRUCTIONISM. SHAHI RESPONDED THAT THE GOP FAVORS THE HOLDING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE "AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME," EMPHASIZING THAT A FUNDAMENTAL PREREQUISITE TO SETTING THE DATES FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD BE GOOD PRIOR UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE BIG FIVE. SHAHI POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS THE WAY IT WAS DONE IN THE CASE OF THE CONFERENCE OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

C. ON THE NONPROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ZORIN'S MAIN POINT WAS THAT IT IS TIME FOR THE GOP TO SIGN THE NONPROLIFERATION TREATY. PAKS AGREED WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NPT BUT MADE IT CLEAR THEIR SIGNING WOULD BE DEPENDENT UPON THE INDIANS DOING THE SAME.

D. WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, ZORIN SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WANTS AGREEMENT BUT CITED THE US AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILURE TO DATE BECAUSE OF ITS ON-SITE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS. PAKS RESPONDED THAT THIS PROBLEM IS ONE FOR THE US AND THE USSR TO SORT OUT.

E. ZORIN ASKED WHY THE GOP HAS NOT YET RATIFIED THE PARTIAL TEST BAN TREATY WHICH IT SIGNED IN 1963. SHAHI RESPONDED THAT OPINION IN THE GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME VERY MUCH DIVIDED ON THE SUBJECT ESPECIALLY SINCE THE INDIAN PNE. RATIFICATION IS NOT A SHORT TERM LIKELIHOOD. IN  
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THIS CONNECTION ZORIN NOTED THAT THE INDIAN BLAST WAS UNDERGROUND AND ASKED WHY GOP DOESN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT CHINESE NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE ATMOSPHERE.

F. WITH REFERENCE TO THE RUSSIAN PROPOSAL THAT NATURAL WEATHER PHENOMENA NOT BE INTERFERRED WITH FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, PAKS SAID THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO RUSSIAN POSITION BUT HERE AGAIN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT AN UNDERSTANDING MUST FIRST BE REACHED BETWEEN THE US AND USSR.

G. ZORIN SAID THE USSR STANDS FOR NO CHANGES IN THE UN CHARTER. PAKS AGREED THAT FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES SHOULD NOT BE MADE BUT SAID THERE SHOULD BE SOME "ADJUSTMENTS"

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IN THE ORGANIZATION SO AS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF TODAY'S  
CHANGED CONDITIONS AND ECONOMIC ASPIRATIONS OF THE THIRD  
WORLD. ZORIN NOTED THAT SOME COUNTRIES WOULD LIKE TO DO  
AWAY WITH THE VETO POWER OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS, COM-  
MENTING THAT ALTHOUGH THE USSR HAD FREQUENTLY EMPLOYED  
THE VETO IT HAD ALWAYS DONE SO IN ORDER TO "UPHOLD THE  
CHARTER." SHAHI RESPONDED THAT THE GOP WAS NOT IN FAVOR  
OF ABOLISHING THE VETO OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS BUT TOOK  
POINTED ISSUE WITH ZORIN'S CLAIM THAT THE SOVIETS HAD USED  
THE VETO POWER ONLY TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE UN  
CHARTER, SAYING THAT THE USSR USED THE VETO THREE TIMES  
IN 1971 TO DISMEMBER A MEMBER STATE OF THE UN.

H. ON THE UN BUDGET ZORIN SAID COSTS ARE TOO HIGH,  
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ECONOMY SHOULD BE PRACTICED. SHAHI GENERALLY AGREED BUT SAID ECONOMY SHOULD NOT LEAD TO A CURTAILMENT OF UN PROGRAMS.

I. ON THE SEVENTH SPECIAL UNGA SESSION, USSR INDICATED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR LDC PROPOSALS. THE PAKS RESPONDED THAT THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION HAD COME UP WITH A STRONG PROGRAM FOR ACTION BUT GOP WOULD IN THE SEVENTH SESSION CONCENTRATE ON AREAS OF IMPORTANCE WHERE CONSENSUS COULD BE REACHED RATHER THAN TRYING TO PUSH THROUGH A LOT OF RESOLUTIONS NOT SUPPORTED BY DEVELOPED NATIONS. PAKS NOTED THAT THE SEVENTH SESSION IS NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE MANY HEADACHES FOR THE SOVIETS SINCE THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE IBRD AND THE IMF.

J. REGARDING LAW OF THE SEA, ZORIN STATED HIS GOVERNMENT IS FOR "INNOCENT PASSAGE" OF STRAITS; ALSO, COASTAL STATES SHOULD HAVE "SOVEREIGN" RIGHTS BUT NOT EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO NEIGHBORING SEA BEDS, SUGGESTING HERE THAT THERE SHOULD BE BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SEA BED EXPLORATION. ZORIN CAME OUT AGAINST THE PROPOSED SEA BED AUTHORITY WHICH THE PAKS INDICATED THEY SUPPORT. ZORIN SAID THE UN ITSELF SHOULD CONTROL DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SEA BEDS AND NOT AN INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY, WHICH, HE SAID, WESTERN NATIONS WITH THEIR LARGE RESERVOIRS OF EXPERTISE WOULD END UP DOMINATING. PAKS CONVEYED THEIR LONG-STANDING OPPOSITION TO VIEW THAT LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE GUARANTEED ACCESS TO SEA, MAINTAINING THAT RIGHTS FOR SUCH ACCESS SHOULD BE WORKED OUT ON A BILATERAL BASIS.

K. ON THE INDIAN OCEAN, SOVIETS DENIED BUILDING BASES IN THE AREA AND POINTED OUT THAT THE US IS HARD AT WORK DEVELOPING A MAJOR INSTALLATION ON DIEGO GARCIA. PAKS DID NOT RESPOND DIRECTLY BUT STRONGLY DENIED ITS READINESS TO PERMIT ANY SUPER POWER TO ESTABLISH BASES IN ITS TERRITORY "DESPITE RUMORS TO THE CONTRARY."

L. SHAHI RAISED THE MATTER OF PAKISTAN'S CANDIDACY FOR THE UN SEAT BEING VATED BY IRAQ. SHAHI EXPRESSED HOPE RUSSIANS WOULD TALK THE INDIANS OUT OF STAYING IN THE RACE IN WHICH PAKS CONVINCED THEY ARE VERY MUCH THE FRONT RUNNER. ZORIN COMMENTED ONLY THAT THE USSR WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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ABIDE BY THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL GROUP.

5. ON THE LAST DAY OF THE TALKS AND AFTER THOSE UN ISSUES TABLED FOR DISCUSSION HAD BEEN COVERED, SHAHI SAID HE

WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH ZORIN GOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH ITS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR, INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN. ZORIN SAID IT WAS NOT IN HIS BRIEF TO DO SO BUT AGREED TO LISTEN AS LONG AS IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS. NAIK SAID ZORIN REMAINED PATIENTLY AND PLEASANTLY ATTENTIVE THROUGHOUT THE BRIEFING GIVEN BY SHAHI AND OTHERS AND REMAINED UNPROVOKED DESPITE A NUMBER OF REFERENCES TO SOVIET SUPPORT TO INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN, WHICH THE PAKS INDICATED AS WORKING AGAINST THEIR INTERESTS.

6. NAIK SAID THERE WAS NO EXCHANGE ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: CENTO, THE ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM, VOTING ON UN MEMBERSHIP FOR THE TWO VIETNAMS AND SOUTH KOREA, THE MIDDLE EASTERN SITUATION OR THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN.  
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